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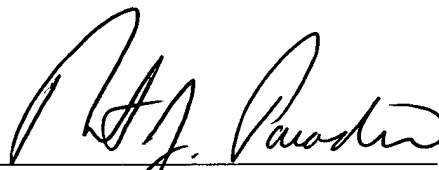
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AB	4	4	4	0	4	6	4	Apr. 3, 1984	Spinner	339	33	
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	AK	2	9	6	1	8	5	81	Jan. 22, 1998	DE - Germany			see specification	
	AL	1	0	0	0	3	9	24	Aug. 2, 2001	DE-Germany			see US '338	
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